process, the UK shall provide the HCI the particulars available with them. The GoI after satisfying that the person is an Indian national, will authorize the HCI to issue a travel document.

(4) The UK shall meet the full cost of travel of each returnee to his place of origin in India.

(5) The MoU shall be in force upto 29.01.2005.

Additional grant to naxal hit States for road construction

2111. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to float a plan for providing additional grant to naxal hit States for road construction to contain insurgency in the country; and

(b) the existing grants allocated to the backward districts affected by Naxalism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has made a special allocation of Rs. 37.50 crores per annum for construction of rural/district roads in the critical clusters in the naxal affected areas under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

(b) 55 naxal affected districts have been included under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (Backward Districts Initiative) of the Planning Commission under which a grant of Rs. 15 crores is given per district per year for 3 years (starting from 2003-04) to fill in the critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure including construction of roads in naxal affected areas.

Canteen facility for ex-servicemen of Assam Rifles

†2112. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ex-servicemen of Assam Rifles are demanding the facility of canteen on the lines of ex-servicemen of armed services;

(b) if so, whether serving soldiers in Assam Rifles are provided rum etc. as provided to the soldiers in armed services; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.